THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, based on the surveys conducted by the National Instituted of Oceanography, Goa, since 1982, in the Central Indian Ocean Basin, a Mine site was identified earlier and a site measuring 1,50,000 sq. km. was allotted to India in 1987, by tha International Seabed Authority.

(c) The mine site is located outside India's Exclusive Economic Zona.

(d) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Performance by Public Sector Undertakings

2403. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some public sector undertakings have improved their performance during the year 1991-92, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether some of these Public Sector Undertakings are likely to come out of red by the end of the current financial year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the performance of these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). As per the available information upto 1990-91, nine PSEs who had made losses during the previous year have earned profits. These are:

1. Maharashtra Elektrosmelt Ltd.
2. Visvesvarayya Iron Ltd.
3. Northern Coalfields Ltd.
4. Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd.
5. Mazagon Dock Ltd.
6. NEPA Ltd.
7. Air India Charters Ltd.
8. National Building Contn. Corpn. Ltd.
9. Spices Trading Co. Ltd.

(d) Enterprise specific action is taken by the concerned administrative Ministry/Department or the Management of the enterprises to improve the performance of the loss making PSEs. These are modernisation, upgradation of technology, improvement of product mix, financial and managerial restructuring of the PSe etc.

Industrial Growth Centree in Raichur and Dharwar, Karnataka

2404. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for establishment of Industrial Growth Centres at Raichur and Dharwar in Karnataka is pending with the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the time by which this proposal is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) No Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

Foreign collaborations

2405. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO:
SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:
SHRI RAM NAGINA MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for collaboration in industrial ventures received from foreign companies during the last six months, as a result of the new industrial policy,

(b) whether these have been examined and if so, whether any of these have been approved, and

(c) if so, the details of the approved foreign collaboration scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF P J KURIEN) (a) to (c) After the announcement of the New Industrial Policy, i e , w e f 1st August, 1991 to 29th February, 1992, approvals have been given by Government as well as Reserve Bank of India for a total of over 890 foreign collaboration proposals These include more than 300 proposals envisaging over Rs 1141 crores of foreign equity investment

The details of approved foreign collaboration proposals viz name of the Indian company name of the foreign collaborator, name of the country, the nature of collaboration and the items of manufacture are being published by the Indian Investment Centre, New Delhi, as a supplement to its monthly Newsletter Copies of these publications are sent regularly to the Parliament Library

Price of Coal

2406 ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to increase prices of coal,

(b) whether there is any link between this proposed increase and partial privatisation of the coal industry

(c) whether the Government have received suggestions of recommendations of any international, financial agency on the subject, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S B NYAMAGOUDA) (a) Prices of Coal were last revised in December 1991 At present there is not proposal to further increase these revised prices

(b) In view of answer to (a) above, does not arise

(c) No Sir

(d) Does not arise

[*Translation*]

Drinking Water in Rural Areas

2407 SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA
SHRI RABI RAY
SHRI BARE LAL JATAV
SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether a time-bound programme or policy is proposed to be formulated to find out a permanent solution to the problem of drinking water in rural areas and

(b) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H PATEL) (a) and (b) As on 31 1 92, there were 4581 No Source problem villages yet to be provided safe drinking water facilities in the States of Assam, Gujarat Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Onssa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh All other villages in these States and other States/ Union Territories have been covered fully or partially

A time bound action programme has been formulated by the above States to